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SUBJ: UN CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

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1. DURING A CALL ON FSFA ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS PETROVIC, CHARGE AGAIN
TOOK UP THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO IN THE SPECIFIC CONTEXT
OF THIS MONTH'S MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24.

2. FOLLOWING A DISCLAIMER OF DETAILED KNOWLEDGEABILITY ON
THE SUBJECT (PETROVIC'S NORMAL RESPONSIBILITIES ARE REGIONAL),
PETROVIC SAID THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS ABSTAINED
ON THIS ISSUE IN THE PAST. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE
YUGOSLAV DRAFT FINAL DECLARATION FOR THE RECENT NAM CONFERENCE
HERE CONTAINED LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO WHICH WAS QUITE
DIFFERENT FROM THAT LATER INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING.

3. GIVEN THE CURRENT COMPLEX STATE OF YUGOSLAV-CUBAN RELATIONS,
IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE YUGOSLAVS WILL, WHILE NOT LENDING THE
CUBANS SUPPORT ON THE ISSUE, HESITATE TO SHIFT FROM THEIR PRIOR
PRACTICE IN THE COMMITTEE ON THIS ISSUE.

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